

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE  
EASTERN DIVISION**

**IN RE: AME CHURCH EMPLOYEE  
RETIREMENT FUND LITIGATION**

MDL Docket No. 1:22-md-03035-STA-jay  
ALL CASES

Honorable S. Thomas Anderson

**SYMETRA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY AND AMEC'S JOINT  
STATUS UPDATE ON THE AAA ARBITRATION**

Pursuant to this Court's Order of December 11, 2023 (ECF No. 316), Symetra Life Insurance Company ("Symetra") and the African Methodist Episcopal Church ("AMEC") provide the following joint status report on the ongoing AAA arbitration between them.

Symetra and AMEC held an initial hearing with the arbitrator on November 29, 2023, after which the arbitrator set a schedule for written discovery and initial briefing on the issue of the scope of the arbitration. In accordance with that schedule, Symetra and AMEC served written discovery requests on each other on February 28, 2024, and responded to those requests on April 5, 2024. Between April and September 2024, the parties briefed multiple issues regarding the scope of the arbitration. After considering the parties' briefs, the arbitrator ordered an evidentiary hearing on the scope of the arbitration. That hearing is scheduled for October 21–23, 2024.

Dated: October 10, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 10th day of October 2024, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was sent to all counsel of record via the CM/ECF system.

/s/ Benjamin Stoll